

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642, Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S557–S608

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1969–1973, S. Res. 341, and S. Con. Res. 31. **Page S599**

Measures Passed:

Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1417, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S605–07**

OPM IG Act: Senate passed H.R. 2860, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management may use amounts in the revolving fund of the Office to fund audits, investigations, and oversight activities. **Page S607**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 28, providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S607**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 29, providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S607**

National Blood Donor Month: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 31, designating January 2014 as “National Blood Donor Month”. **Page S607**

Measures Considered:

Veterans Medical Services and Benefits: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1950, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans. **Pages S557–59**

Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1926, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S565–93**

Adopted:

Hagan/Pryor Amendment No. 2702, to exempt certain loans from the escrow requirement under section 102(d)(1) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. **Pages S565–66**

Rubio Amendment No. 2704, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to make publicly available data that provide the basis for risk premium rates for flood insurance, to allow monthly installment payments for premiums, and to ensure that mitigation activities completed by an owner or lessee of real property are accounted for when determining risk premium rates for flood insurance. **Pages S565–66**

King/Collins Amendment No. 2705, to clarify that communities that successfully appeal flood elevation determinations based on errors by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Scientific Resolution Panel are eligible for reimbursements for expenses incurred in such appeals. **Pages S565–66**

Blunt Amendment No. 2698, to increase the amount of substantial improvement to a property that triggers the loss of flood insurance subsidies. **Pages S565–66**

Reed Amendment No. 2703, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a study to assess voluntary community-based flood insurance options.

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Whitehouse Amendment No. 2706, to exempt natural resource agencies from fees for flood insurance rate map change requests.

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Gillibrand Amendment No. 2708, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to issue guidelines for methods, other than building elevation, that owners of certain urban residential buildings may implement to mitigate against flood risk.

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Pending:

Heller/Lee Amendment No. 2700, to clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

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Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 2697, to allow States to opt-out of participation in the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers.

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Toomey Modified Amendment No. 2707, to adjust phase-ins of flood insurance rate increases.

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Merkley Modified Amendment No. 2709, to establish limitations on force-placed insurance.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 15), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014, with the time until 11:15 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the final ten minutes equally divided between Senator Menendez, or his designee, and Senator Toomey, or his designee, with Senator Toomey controlling the final five minutes; that at 11:15 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to the following: Toomey Amendment No. 2707, as modified; Coburn Amendment No. 2697; Merkley Amendment No. 2709, as modified; and Heller Amendment No. 2700; that upon dis-

position of Heller Amendment No. 2700, Senate recess until 2 p.m.; at 2 p.m., when the Senate reconvenes, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; there be two minutes of debate prior to each vote, equally divided in the usual form; and that all after the first votes be ten minute votes.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of a proposed third amendment to the Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–28)

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—15)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S608.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH ANNUAL REPORT AND OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the annual report and oversight of the Office of Financial Research, after receiving testimony from Richard Berner, Director of the Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

POSTAL REFORM ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee began consideration of S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States